



Leaders: choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

Study 6 – Acts 2 Pentecost

You make like to begin by reading the passage again or at least making sure everyone has it open.

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or the message? New insights?
2. Do you think there are ways in which the church is 'stuck' today? Discuss.

vv-13 The Event

3. See Erica's text for how John Stott described the phenomena of wind, fire and languages. How may have such things impacted you, had you been there that day?
4. How did the gift of hearing the gospel in the languages of those visiting Jerusalem, help the news get to the ends of the earth?

vv14-36 The Explanation

Erica explored three key themes of Peter's explanation:

5. **Inspiration:** The prophet Joel had indicated that in the last days, God would pour out his Spirit on all people. Peter is saying 'we are in those days now'. The Holy Spirit - still today - enables people to see and speak the truth about God. How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your church?
6. **Salvation:** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved! How wonderful! Do you have a story to share of someone coming to know Jesus in recent years?
7. **Exaltation:** *God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.* Jesus is the only one to whom we owe our allegiance and obedience. What other competing "lords" do we see in our lives? How do YOU keep focus on serving only Jesus as Lord? How might we help each other, to follow and serve the Lord Jesus ONLY?

vv37-41 The Effect

Erica pointed out that the effect is repentance and faith.

8. Erica shared the insight that we who love Jesus over here in Australia - in central and western NSW or wherever - are part of the fulfillment of the gospel going to the ends of the earth. That is miraculous and historical! But we are also part of the ongoing story/fulfillment. How so?
9. But the glorious news is - we have been equipped by God - by his Holy Spirit - for the task at hand. We too have the Spirit poured out on us so we can speak the wonders of God! What *stops* us sharing the Good News with others? How might we work together to overcome our hesitancy?

Share with one another, something of the way these Lenten studies have helped you grow in your understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus and/or grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

What will Easter coming up, mean to you?

Thank you so much for taking part in our Lenten studies this year!